

No. 1994-63

AN ACT

SB 184

Amending the act of March 4, 1870 (P.L.343, No.335), entitled "An act to define the limits and to organize the town of Bloomsburg," further providing for tax levies.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 9 of the act of March 4, 1870 (P.L.343, No.335), entitled "An act to define the limits and to organize the town of Bloomsburg," amended December 6, 1972 (P.L.1441, No.320), is amended to read:

Section 9. That the provisions of the act, entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An Act to promote the more certain and equal assessment of taxes in Philadelphia,' approved fourteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, relative to assessments on agricultural and farm lands and the suburban portions of said city," approved twenty-fourth March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, are hereby extended and applied to the town of Bloomsburg; and assessments and classifications of real estate in said town, and rates of taxation thereon for town purposes, shall be as provided in said act, and shall be fixed, made, regulated and enforced agreeably thereto by the proper officers and by the authority of said town; the town council may in any year, subject to the regulations of the act aforesaid, fix a tax rate for town purposes, not exceeding thirty mills on the dollar of valuation of taxable property therein; but any such tax rate exceeding five mills upon the dollar of valuation of property, shall be agreed to and fixed by at least five votes in council, after at least one week's distinct notice in public session, and entered upon the minutes that such rate will be proposed. In addition to the thirty mill tax the town council may, in any year, fix a tax to pay interest and sinking fund charges on the indebtedness of the town; fix a tax not exceeding one-half mill, to provide for pensions, retirement or the purchase of annuity contracts for town employes; **and** fix a tax not exceeding eight mills, for lighting and illuminating the streets, highways and other public places[.]; ***fix a tax not exceeding five mills for the purpose of providing trash removal services for the town; fix a tax not exceeding five mills to provide liability insurance for the town; and fix a tax not exceeding five mills to provide police support services for the town.***

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 9.1. For the tax year for which the town first levies a special purpose tax for providing trash removal, liability insurance or police support services under section 9, the town shall reduce the millage rate of the general property tax it levies under section 9 by the same number of

mills as it levies the special purpose tax for providing trash removal, liability insurance or police support services. For any tax year for which the town increases the millage rate of a special purpose tax levied under section 9, the town shall reduce the millage rate of the general property tax it levies under section 9 by the same number of mills as it increases that tax rate of the special purpose tax.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A.D. 1994.

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